

**FAUQUIER COUNTY
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2018 p.m.
Warren Green Building, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
10 Hotel Street, Warrenton

Attendance:

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)
Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)
John Toler (Scott District Representative)
Bryan Jacobs (Lee District Representative)
Reta Rodgers (Cedar Run District Representative)
Virginia Gerrish (Center District Representative)
Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)

Staff:

Wendy Wheatcraft, Staff
Maureen Williamson, Staff

1. Ms. Root called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. The March 7, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 – 0.

3. Ongoing Business
May Historic Preservation Month Public Workshop – Saturday, May 12, 2018

Ms. Wheatcraft shared the workshop flyer she prepared, which detailed the specifics of the public event. She told the ARB that the Town of Warrenton plans to publish an article on historic tax credits in their spring quarterly newsletter, *The Town Crier*, and they have agreed to include a small announcement detailing the workshop. She stated that the newsletter is delivered to all town addresses.

In their 2019 proposed budget, Mr. Lee mentioned that the Town of Warrenton has included a full-time preservation planner position that would support the Town's Architectural Review Board. Ms. Wheatcraft said she was glad to hear this, as she and Mr. Lee felt that it was a needed position for the Town.

Ms. Wheatcraft reported that she and Ms. Gerrish made a site visit in the vicinity of the Warrenton Visitor's Center to select stuccoed houses for inclusion on the walking tour. She shared a map, which illustrated the proposed route and said the tour would last approximately thirty minutes. She confirmed that all of the properties on the tour are residential. As part of the walking tour, Ms. Wheatcraft would like to include and bring attention to two historic buildings that were constructed of large concrete blocks during the early 20th century. She said the buildings sit at the corner of N. 6th Street and Main Street.

Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB that Tim Winther of Dominion Traditional Building Group agreed to send his display that depicts the technique of plaster application.

Ms. Wheatcraft presented and the ARB discussed several handouts that will be offered to workshop participants.

Ms. Wheatcraft discussed the flow of the workshop saying that it will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the historic tax credit presentation followed by a question and answer session. She envisions the presentation will last 45-50 minutes. After the presentation, she has planned a short break to be followed by her brief review of the history of stucco in the United States and a few helpful hints regarding application. Another break will follow with the walking tour planned for 12:00 p.m. She estimated that the walking tour will last no later than 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Wheatcraft expressed the need for additional advertising and the ARB discussed options. Ms. Gerrish and Ms. Root expressed their interest in displaying copies of the flyer in their respective localities. Ms. Gerrish offered to ensure that Town ARB members are invited to the workshop. Mr. Toler said that he try to write a piece about the workshop for inclusion in the *Fauquier Times*. Ms. Wheatcraft said that she would send e-mail blasts. She promised to send a digital copy of the flyer to ARB members for their distribution.

Mr. LaMonica offered to provide the current specifications for stucco, which Ms. Root said may be an appropriate addition to the brochure.

Ms. Rodgers asked if the ARB had an obligation to notify home owners whose houses have been selected for inclusion on the walking tour. Ms. Root said that in the Remington Walking Tour brochure a disclaimer was included which reminded participants that the houses on the tour are all private residences and to stay within the public right-of-way. Ms. Root said that she would send Ms. Wheatcraft the exact verbiage used in the brochure.

4. New Business

No new business was discussed.

5. Announcements

- May 15, 2018 – Midland Historic District National Register Public Hearing
Midland Methodist Church, 5435 Midland Road, Midland, 6:00 p.m.
Ms. Wheatcraft said that DHR will be hosting the Public Hearing.
- May 2-5 – Vernacular Architecture Forum 2018 Conference in Alexandria
<http://vernaculararchitectureforum.org/conference>
- April 21, 2018 - A Landscape Under Threat – The Brennan's Horseshoe Barn at Llangollen Farm, 21515 Trappe Road, Upperville, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (conservation easement workshop)
- Karen White of the Afro American Historical Association of Fauquier County (AAHA) told Ms. Wheatcraft of an August event which is now being organized to bring attention to houses of the enslaved in Fauquier County. Simultaneous events on three local farms including Clifton Farms, Sky Meadows, and Weston are being planned. She said that the August event is a precursor to events being planned for the 2019 Commemoration of the 400th anniversary of when African enslaved people were brought to America in 1619. Therefore, she said we can expect to see commemorative events planned. She said that the date for the August event has not been selected and funding is being sought.

Ms. Wheatcraft suggested that the ARB could partner with the AAHA by focusing on an event to participate in the commemoration. Mr. Lee thought it would be a collaborative effort to hold an ARB meeting at the AAHA. Ms. Root suggested that the ARB reclaim an African American cemetery. Ms. Wheatcraft suggested that it may be interesting to concentrate on identifying some of the Fauquier enslaved people who were known to be trained craftsmen or involved in the building trades. Ms. Wheatcraft said that while some source material is available, it would take much research.

6. The next ARB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2018.
7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.